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Saskatchewan livestock producers have eight per cent of the 2011 hay crop cut and two per cent baled or put into silage. Seventy-one per cent of the hay crop is rated as good to excellent in quality.

Sixty-one per cent of the fall cereals are in the heading stage, 60 per cent of the spring cereals are in the jointed to shot-blade stage, 46 per cent of the canola and mustard is in the rosette stage, 71 per cent of the pulses are in the vegetative stage and 47 per cent of the flax is in the seedling stage.

One year ago
Six per cent of the 2010 hay crop had been cut. Heavy rain and hail caused crop damage.

Across the province, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 27 per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 24 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

Thunderstorms in some areas resulted in varying amounts of precipitation and high winds. Flooding and saturated conditions continue in the southern and southeastern regions, although some areas have dried up enough for producers to access unseeded acres in order to control weeds.

Flooding, hail and disease are causing the majority of crop damage.

Farmers are busy scouting crops, controlling disease and haying.

Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Report – July 7

The deadline to meet and maintain minimum summerfallow coverage requirements is July 11.

The deadline to meet and maintain minimum summerfallow coverage requirements is July 11 for green manure crops in the brown and dark brown soil zones and July 25 for green manure crops in the black and grey soil zones.

Under the Organic Reseeding Benefit, July 15 is the deadline to reseed.

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The recent warm and sunny weather has helped improve the conditions of some water stressed crops. There are large areas of crops that have been flooded out. The southeast region recorded rain in varying amounts, with some areas recording heavy rain with thunderstorms. Precipitation reported ranges from nil to 31 mm. Some livestock producers were able to get greenfeed crops seeded. The ground has dried up enough in some areas for producers to control weeds on unseeded acres, however the majority of the area continues to deal with excess moisture and limited field access. High winds in the Grenfell, Indian Head, Odessa and Moose Jaw caused damage to farm buildings, shelterbelts and grain bins. Hail was reported in the Indian Head area.

The Kisbey area reported 5 mm of rain, the Frobisher area 3 mm, the Maryfield area 25 mm, the Broadview area 31 mm, the Whitewood and Weyburn areas 13 mm, the Odessa area 22 mm and the Marquis are 20 mm. The Weyburn area has recorded 391 mm of rain since April 1.

Haying has started in the region, although crop reporters are expressing concerns about navigating through the wet areas and laying the swath down on the wet ground. There are areas of hay fields that are flooded out. Crop reporters are predicting there will be many acres of hay land that will not be accessible. The region has five per cent of the hay cut and one per cent baled or put into silage. Seventy-four per cent of the hay is rated as good to excellent in quality.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land is 57 per cent surplus and 43 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture land is rated as 51 per cent surplus and 49 per cent adequate. Crop districts 1A and 1B are reporting 66 and 83 per cent surplus crop land topsoil moisture, respectively. Flooding is the cause of most crop damage. Crops are under excess moisture stress. Leaf diseases are showing up. Hail damage was reported in the Whitewood area.

Producers are hoping for clear skies and good drying weather.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Thunderstorms dropped varying amounts of rain and hail in some areas. The Bengough area recorded 10 mm of rain, the Ponteix and Central Butte areas 18 mm, the Eyebrow area 34 mm, the Bracken area 13 mm, the Shaunavon area 23 mm, the Kyle area 12 mm and the Eastend area 5 mm. The warmer weather over the past week has improved crop conditions.

Eleven per cent of the hay crop has been cut and four per cent has been baled or put into silage. Crop reporters are rating quality as 86 per cent good to excellent. Some crop reporters have indicated there are producers seeding green feed crops. There is heavy weed growth in areas that were too wet to support any type of equipment. The ground has dried up enough in some areas for producers to control weeds on unseeded acres.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 15 per cent surplus, 81 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 12 per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Crop damage is mostly due to flooding and hail. Hail damage was reported in the Eyebrow, Central Butte, Cadillac, Mankota, Shaunavon, Rush Lake, Kyle and Consul areas. The Cadillac area reported two thunderstoms last week that produced very strong winds, hard rain and some hail. The Gull Lake area also reported thunderstorms with high winds.

Farmers are busy controlling weeds and disease, branding and haying. Producers are hoping for clear skies and good drying weather to move the crop along and get the hay up in good condition.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Nine per cent of the 2011 hay crop has been cut and two per cent has been baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 70 per cent good to excellent. Thunderstorms dropped varying amounts of rain, and brought strong winds and hail in some areas. The amount of rain reported varied from trace amounts to 86 mm.

The Langenburg area recorded 17 mm of rain, the Goodeve area 86 mm, the Kelliher area 42 mm, the Rama area 36 mm, the Elfros area 61 mm, the Kuroki area 33 mm, the Earl Gray area 25 mm and the Nokomis area 10 mm.

The majority of crop damage is due to flooding, hail and disease. Hail was reported in the Ituna, Goodeve, Holdfast and Imperial areas. The hail in the Ituna and Goodeve areas was significant and caused crop, hay and building damage. Leaf diseases are showing and producers are busy applying control measure where warranted. There are areas in fields that are yellowing due to flooding and excess moisture stress. The heat over the past week has helped improve crop conditions. Some crop reporters have indicated there are several crop stages within one field. There is heavy weed growth on unseeded acres and the ground is dry enough in areas for producers to spray or cultivate. Hay is slow to dry due to high humidity and damp ground.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 41 per cent surplus, 58 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 35 per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate and one per cent short.

Farmers are busy scouting fields, controlling disease and haying.

West Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

A week of sunny weather with very little rain has haying off to a good start. Thirteen per cent of the hay crop has been cut and three per cent has been baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 83 per cent good to excellent.

The Dinsmore area reported 26 mm of rain, the Arelee area 10 mm, the Marengo area 4 mm, the Smiley area 11 mm, the Major area 9 mm and the Luseland area 10 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions are rated as six per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, 13 per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are rated as six per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate, 10 per cent short and one per cent very short.

Crop reporters indicated very little crop damage for the week. Of the crop damage reported, the majority is due to disease. Producers are applying fungicides for fusarium, sclerotinia and pulse diseases. There are a few different crop stages within fields due to dry conditions at seedling emergence in some areas. The recent rain has helped to improve the crop conditions. Now that moisture was received, heat is now needed to get the crops, hayland and pastures growing. The recent warm weather has helped advance crops, hay and pasture land. There are some areas that could use some rain.

Farmers are busy haying, scouting crops and hauling grain.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Livestock producers had a good week of haying, with few weather disruptions. Thirteen per cent of the hay crop has been cut and three per cent is baled or put into silage. Hay quality is rated as 69 per cent good to excellent.

The Tisdale, Codette and Lake Lenore areas received 5 mm of rain, the Alvena area 17 mm, the Vonda area 10 mm, the Garrick area 2 mm, the Alvena area 30 mm, the Birch Hills area 32 mm and the Prince Albert area 30 mm. The recent moisture and heat over the past couple of weeks has helped to advance crops and improve the condition of those that were damaged with flooding. Other areas that received considerable amounts of rain in the past two weeks are showing excess moisture stress. Producers are applying fungicides in canola, cereals and pulses where needed.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 19 per cent surplus and 81 per cent adequate. Topsoil moisture on hay and pasture land is reported as 20 per cent surplus and 80 per cent adequate.

There was very little crop damage reported in the region for the week. There are crops in the Tisdale, Melfort and Prince Albert areas that have some flooding damage. Hail was reported in the Tisdale and Prince Albert areas. The heavy rain and hail from last week caused significant damage to crops and some are not expected to recover.

Farmers are busy scouting fields, controlling disease and haying.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Livestock producers in the region have just starting haying. Two per cent of the region's hay is cut and few bales have been rolled up. Thunderstorms were reported in the northwestern part of the region.

Precipitation ranged from trace amounts to 32 mm. The North Battleford and Rabbit Lake areas received 2 mm, the Neilburg area 12 mm, the Glaslyn area 15 mm, the Rapid View area 28 mm and the Dorintosh area 32 mm. Total rainfall recorded in the region since April 1st ranges from 80 to 343 mm.

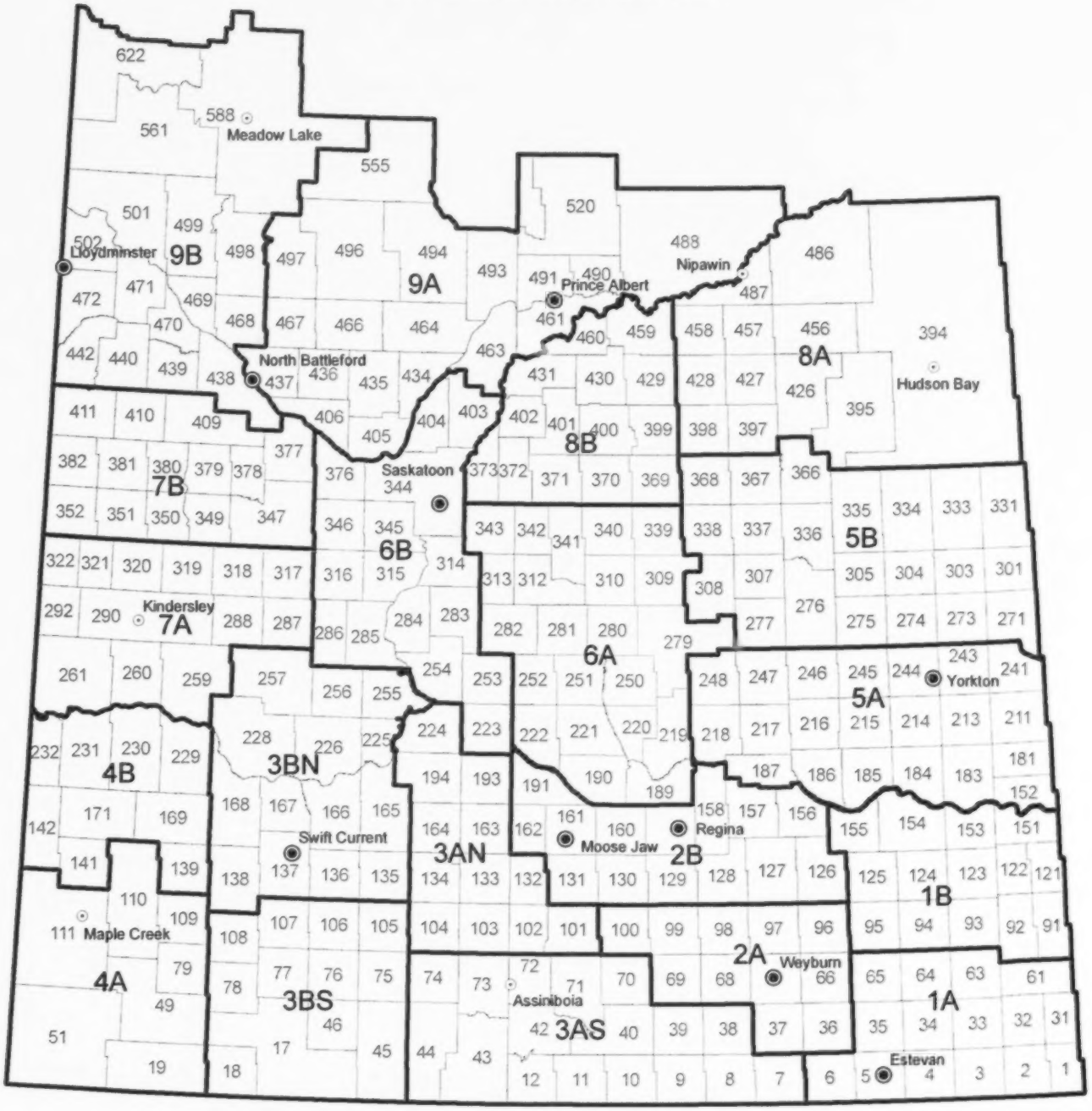
Crop damage is mostly attributed to flooding and wind. Hail damage was reported in the Medstead and Turtleford areas. The canola crops in areas have many stages in one field and are thin due to poor and slow germination and spring frost damage. Canola fields in the Meadow Lake area have the most damage due to heavy rains and flooding over the past couple of weeks. Cereal and pea diseases are starting to show up. A severe wind storm in the Turtleford area caused bin damage in some yards.

Cropland top soil moisture is reported as nine per cent surplus, 86 per cent adequate, four per cent short and one per cent very short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 88 per cent adequate, eight per cent short and three per cent very short.

Farmers are busy scouting fields, controlling weeds and disease and haying.

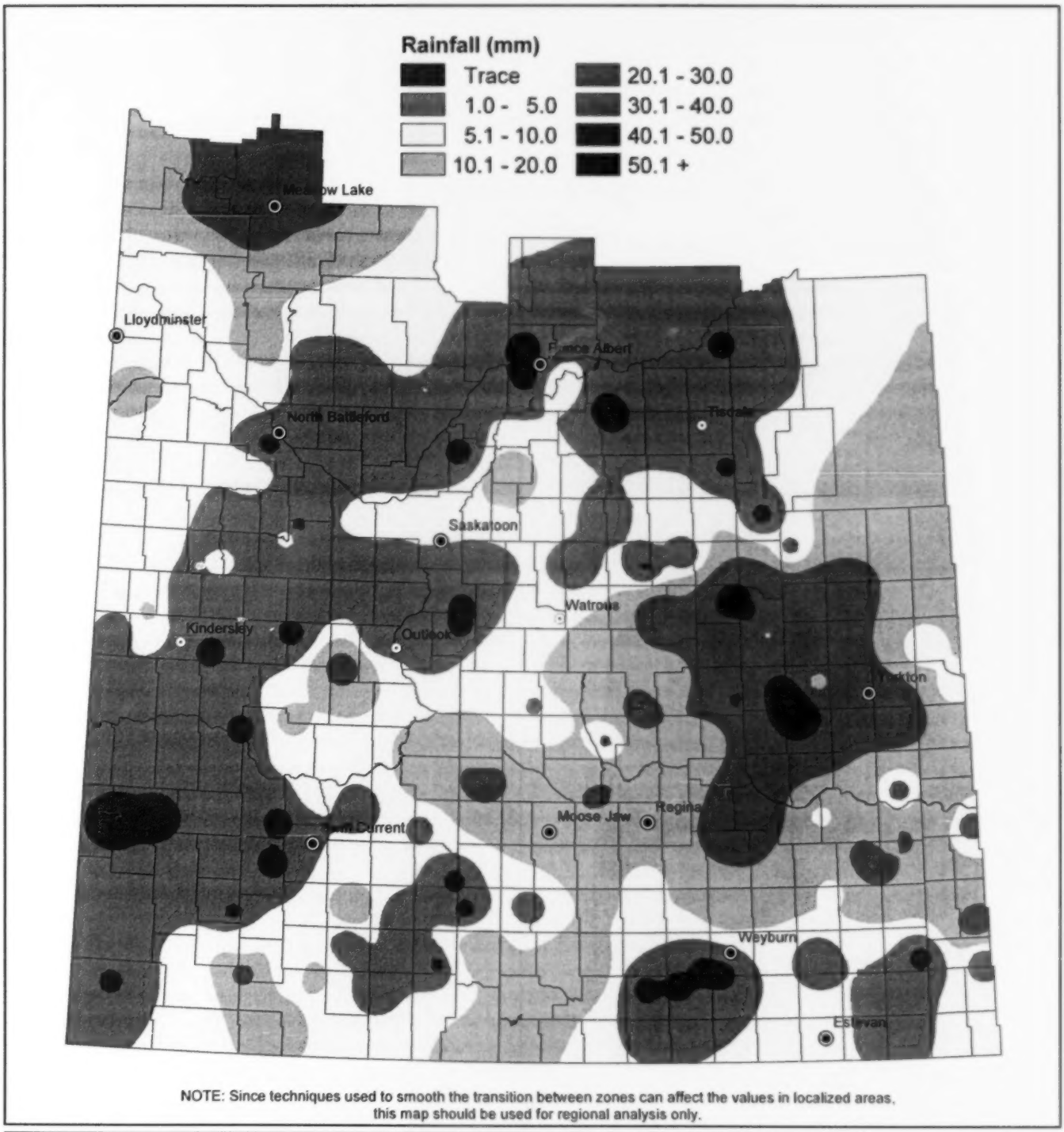
Saskatchewan Crop Development (per cent at each stage)					
Spring Cereals	Emerge	Tillering	Jointed	Shot blade	Heading
July 4/11 prov avg	4	32	36	25	3
Southeast	8	42	36	14	0
Southwest	6	40	37	16	1
East central	4	35	38	22	1
West central	2	26	38	31	3
Northeast	1	22	29	40	8
Northwest	4	20	24	46	6
Flax Emerge		Seedling	Stem ext	Flowering	Boll
July 4/11 prov avg	15	47	37	1	0
Southeast 20		50	29	1	0
Southwest 11		45	43	1	0
East central	6	51	43	0	0
West central	3	35	61	1	0
Northeast 1		24	74	1	0
Northwest	18	29	38	15	0
Canola & Mustard	Emerge	Seedling	Rosette	Flowering	Podding
July 4/11 prov avg	4	19	46	31	0
Southeast	10	23	41	26	0
Southwest	2	4	42	52	0
East central	3	28	40	29	0
West central	0	10	51	39	0
Northeast	2	12	54	32	0
Northwest	2	18	53	27	0
Pulse Crops	Pre-emerge	Emerge	Vegetative	Flowering	Podding
July 4/11 prov avg	0	4	71	25	0
Southeast	0	8	76	16	0
Southwest	0	4	68	28	0
East central	0	2	70	28	0
West central	0	1	71	27	1
Northeast	0	1	74	25	0
Northwest	0	1	73	26	0
Fall Cereals	Tillering	Jointed	Shot blade	Heading	Dough
July 4/11 prov avg	6	6	16	61	11
Southeast	10	9	13	62	6
Southwest	10	10	12	56	12
East central	4	1	22	61	12
West central	0	0	20	68	12
Northeast	0	0	22	63	15
Northwest	0	0	22	78	0

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending July 4, 2011



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Rainfall - Ministry of Agriculture, Crop Report Database
IDW interpolation (power 2.5, fixed radius 300 km)

Prepared by: Geomatics Services Date: July 6, 2011

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period June 28 to July 4, 2011

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	155
	2	Mount Pleasant	N/A	206
	3	Enniskillen	3	240
	33	Moose Creek	1	249
	34	Browning	N/A	312
	61	Antler	3	271
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	263
	64	Brock	5	256
	65	Tecumseh	2	360
1B	91	Maryfield	25	299
	92	Walpole	N/A	266
	95	Golden West	9	307
	122	Martin	10	385
	123	Silverwood	22	300
	124 A	Kingsley	31	269
	124 B	Kingsley	N/A	N/A
	125	Chester	N/A	287
	151 A	Rocanville	16	397
	151 B	Rocanville	3	329
	153	Willowdale	13	328
	154	Elkapo	N/A	236
	155	Wolseley	9	263
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	316
	67	Weyburn	NIL	379
	68	Brokenshell	NIL	391
	69	Norton	N/A	307
	97	Wellington	13	341
2B	127 A	Francis	22	282
	127 B	Francis	25.39	226
	129	Bratt's Lake	8	241
	156	Indian Head	26	284
	160 A	Pense	12	147
	160 B	Pense	14	156
	161	Moose Jaw	N/A	150
	191	Marquis	20	146
3ASE	7	Souris Valley	N/A	N/A
	38 A	Laurier	1	333
	38 B	Laurier	NIL	366
	39 A	The Gap	1	275
	39 B	The Gap	NIL	343
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	N/A	424
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	83
	12	Poplar Valley	9	295
	40	Bengough	10	429
	42	Willow Bunch	13	338
	43	Old Post	15	310
	44 A	Waverley	N/A	247
	44 B	Waverley	N/A	227
	70	Key West	17	302
	71	Excel	13	352
	73 A	Stonehenge	9.64	288
	73 B	Stonehenge	18	319
	74	Wood River	NIL	288
3AN	101	Terrell	N/A	236
	102	Lake Johnston	3.09	239
	103	Sutton	NIL	270
	134	Shamrock	NIL	216
	164	Chaplin	4	229
	193 A	Eyebrow	34	166
	193 B	Eyebrow	10	162
	194	Enfield	18	162
3BS	17	Val Marie	12	375
	18	Lone Tree	12.59	216
	45	Mankota	3	315
	75 A	Pinto Creek	N/A	254
	75 B	Pinto Creek	4	236
	76 A	Auvergne	4	211
	76 B	Auvergne	3	196
	77	Wise Creek	6	222
	78 A	Grassy Creek	8	219
	78 B	Grassy Creek	23	268
	78 C	Grassy Creek	N/A	194
	105	Glenbain	1	252
	106	Whiska Creek	17	228
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	128
	108	Bone Creek	N/A	240
3BN	138	Webb	NIL	178
	166	Excelsior	3	184
	167	Sask. Landing	6	224
	168	Riverside	NIL	157
	226	Victory	2	154
	228	Lacadena	NIL	118
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A
	257	Monet	11.5	118

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
4A	49	White Valley	5	162
	49 A	White Valley	N/A	153
	51	Reno	0.8	243
	79	Arlington	N/A	187
	109	Carmichael	0.5	231
	110	Piapot	N/A	104
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	98
4B	139	Gull Lake	1	159
	141	Big Stick	1	113
	142	Enterprise	NIL	117
	169	Pittville	N/A	57
	171	Fox Valley	NIL	95
	229	Miry Creek	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	1	106
5A	183	Fertile Belt	3	297
	186	Abernethy	N/A	171
	211	Churchbridge	17	231
	213	Saltcoats	34	220
	216	Tullymet	26	185
	217	Lipton	13	132
	241	Calder	7	186
	243	Wallace	10	209
	245 A	Garry	18	143
	245 B	Garry	86	286
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	32	158
	247	Kellross	42	160
	248	Touchwood	15	90
5B	271	Cote	7	136
	276	Foam Lake	N/A	42
	277	Emerald	26	175
	305	Invermay	35.54	187
	307	Elfros	61	218
	308	Big Quill	31	101
	333 A	Clayton	N/A	NIL
	333 B	Clayton	N/A	142
	334	Preeceville	N/A	111
	335	Hazel Dell	4	158
	336	Sasman	33	167
	337	Lakeview	N/A	157
	338	Lakeside	2	113
	366	Kelvington	NIL	147
6A	189	Lumsden	17.78	205
	190 A	Dufferin	11	139
	190 B	Dufferin	13	166
	190 C	Dufferin	33	140
	190 D	Dufferin	N/A	132
	219	Longlaketon	25	97
	220	Mckillop	4	124
	221	Sarnia	9	160
	222	Craik	5	147
	251	Big Arm	12	140
	252	Arm River	4	125
	279	Mount Hope	N/A	125
	280	Wreford	10	142
	282	McCraney	8	129
	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	92
	313	Lost River	N/A	83
	339	Leroy	0.6	72
	340	Wolverine	1	91
	341	Viscount	N/A	86
	343	Blucher	1	95
6B	283	Rosedale	NIL	61
	284	Rudy	2	84
	285	Fertile Valley	1	144
	286	Milden	26	138
	314	Dundurn	NIL	94
	344	Corman Park	N/A	147
	346	Pentlue	1	139
	376 A	Eagle Creek	10	128
	376 B	Eagle Creek	1	139
	403	Rosthern	NIL	118
7A	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	102
	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	96
	261	Chesterfield	N/A	58
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	68
	288	Pleasant Valley	1	89
	290 A	Kindersley	NIL	59
	290 B	Kindersley	N/A	66
	292	Milton	4	104
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	157
	317 B	Marriott	1	101
	318 A	Mountain View	N/A	N/A
	318 B	Mountain View	3	101
	320 A	Oakdale	1.5	83
	320 B	Oakdale	4	70
	321	Prairiedale	11	124

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 1-Apr
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	139
	347 B	Biggar	N/A	105
	350 A	Mariposa	1	131
	350 B	Mariposa	6	122
	351	Progress	N/A	92
	352	Heart's Hill	9	159
	377	Glenside	3	147
	378 A	Rosemount	6	146
	378 B	Rosemount	3	173
	379	Reford	3	121
	380	Tramping Lake	N/A	102
	381	Grass Lake	10	105
	409 A	Buffalo	8	142
	409 B	Buffalo	N/A	119
	410	Round Valley	N/A	82
	411	Senlac	N/A	124
8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	170
	397	Barrier Valley	0.5	153
	428	Star City	2	105
	456	Arborfield	4	118
	457	Connaught	5	187
	458	Willow Creek	5	169
	486	Moose Range	N/A	103
	487	Nipawin	NIL	110
8B	369	St. Peter	5	50
	370	Humboldt	2	79
	371 A	Bayne	6	82
	371 B	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	372	Grant	9.9	141
	402	Fish Creek	17	169
	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	149
	430	Invergordon	N/A	N/A
	431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	459	Kinistino	NIL	170
	460	Birch Hills	8	193
9AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	157
	488 A	Torch River	2	218
	488 B	Torch River	N/A	NIL
	491	Buckland	NIL	176
9AW	406	Mayfield	1	98
	435	Redberry	N/A	141
	436	Douglas	N/A	81
	463	Duck Lake	N/A	137
	464	Leask	7	121
	467 A	Round Hill	2	80
	467 B	Round Hill	2	133
	494	Canwood	N/A	147
	496	Spiritwood	N/A	53
	497	Medstead	3	136
9B	438	Battle River	NIL	125
	440	Hillsdale	8	98
	442	Manitou Lake	12.17	134
	468 A	Meota	N/A	32
	468 B	Meota	N/A	132
	468 C	Meota	8.09	125
	498 A	Parkdale	15	187
	498 B	Parkdale	11	130
	499	Mervin	18.46	156
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	5	151
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	9	94
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	5	169
	561	Loon Lake	N/A	123
	588 A	Meadow Lake	23	149
	588 B	Meadow Lake	28	200
	588 C	Meadow Lake	25	318
	588 D	Meadow Lake	32	343
	622	Beaver River	18	127

Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

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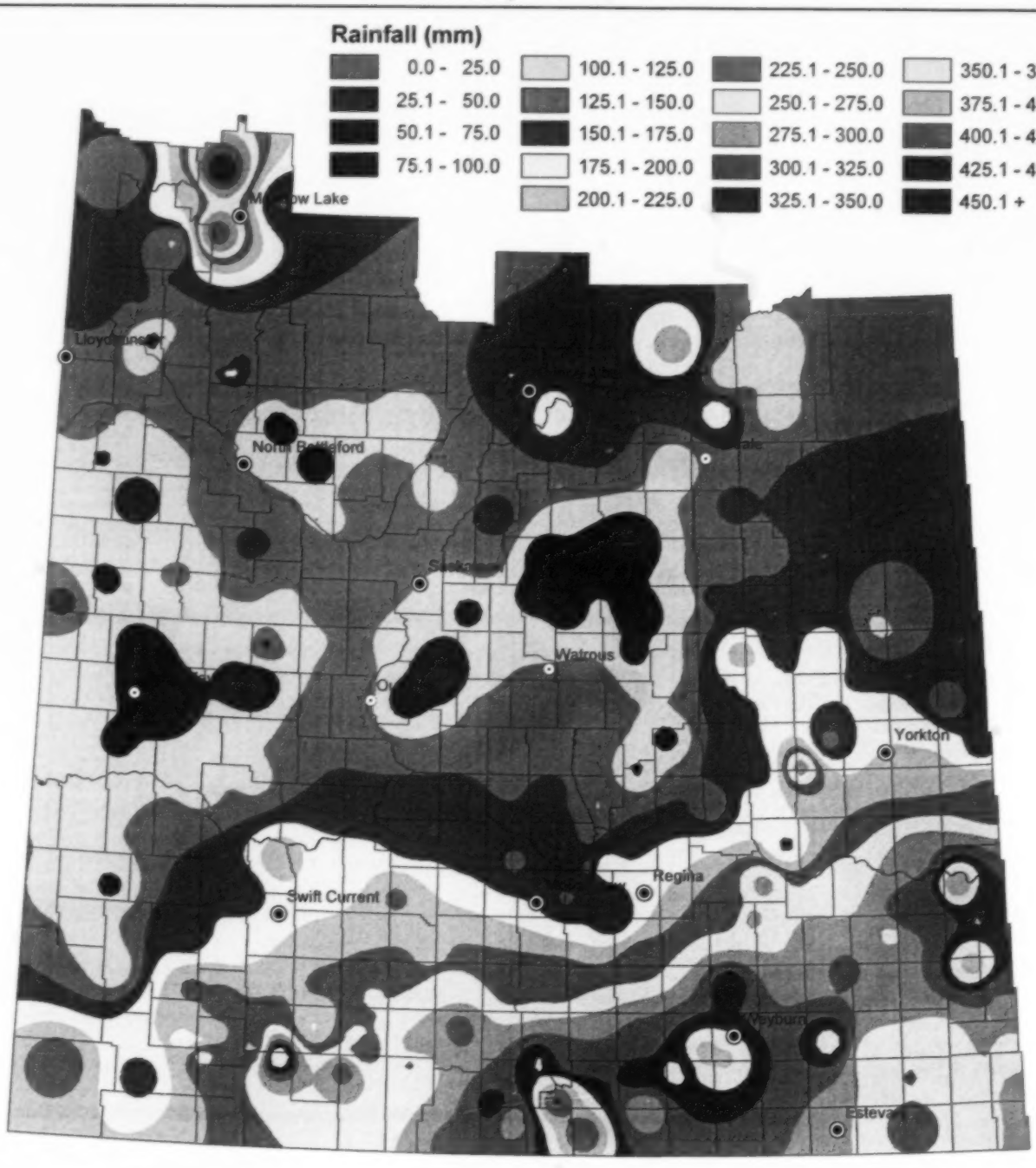
Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2011
To: July 4, 2011



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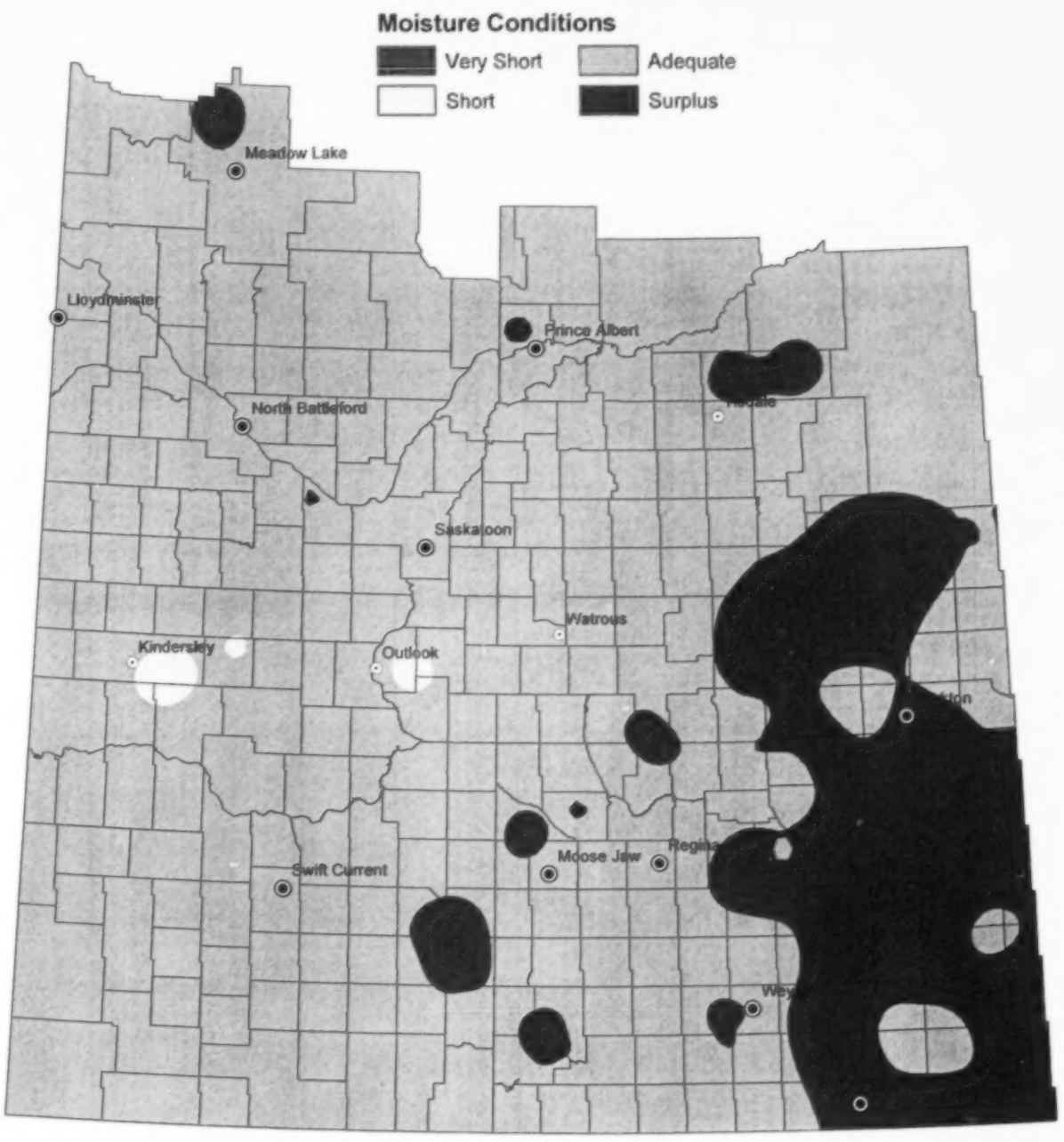
Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

July 5, 2011



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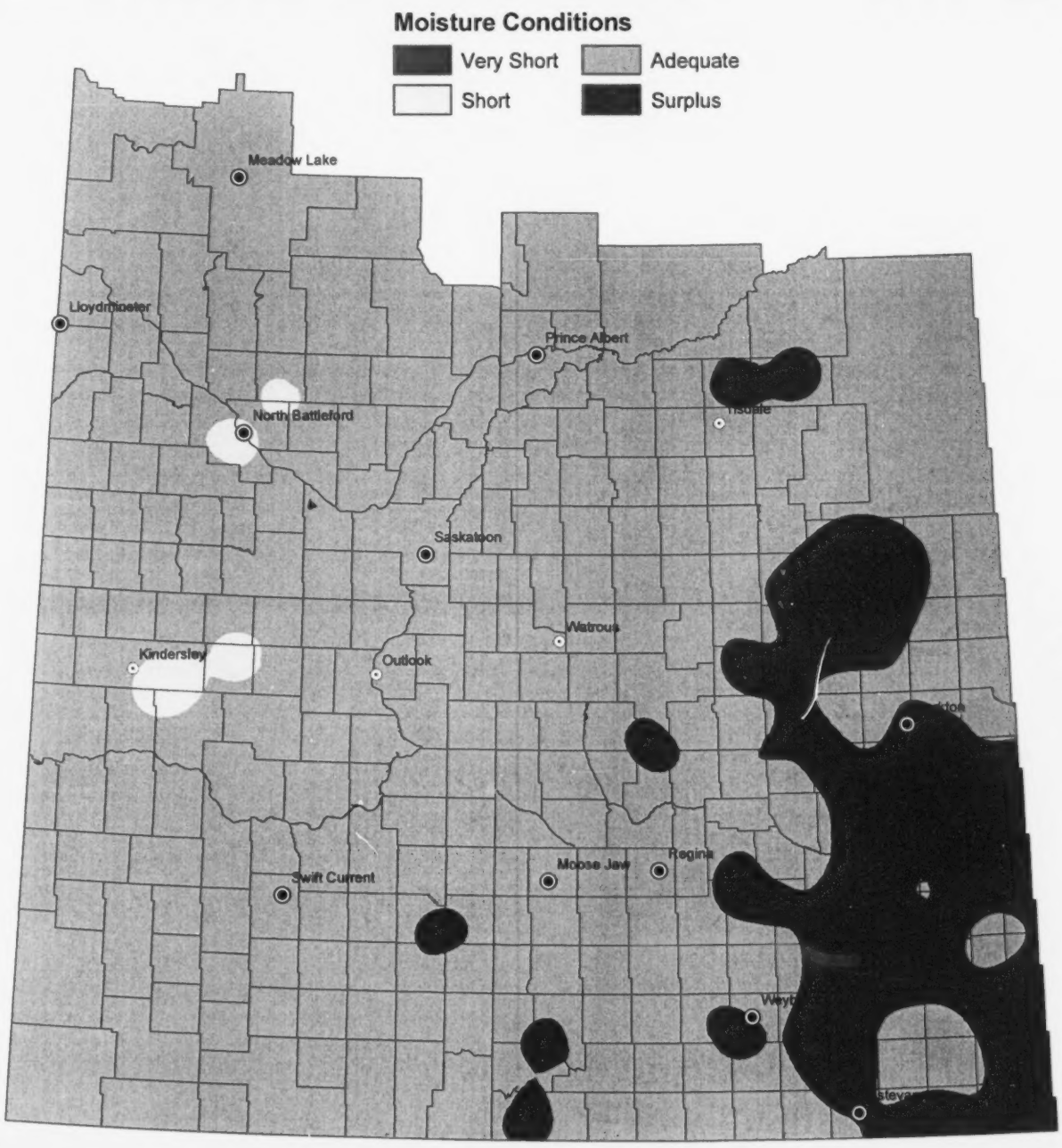
Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

July 5, 2011



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